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Applicant : Margaret E. Black
Application No. : 09/173,463
Filed : October 14, 1998
For: : THYMIDINE KINASE MUTANTS AND FUSION PROTEINS
HAVING THYMIDINE KINASE AND GUANYLATE KINASE
ACTIVITIES

Examiner : Christian L. Fronda
Art Unit : 1652
Docket No. : 240083.429
Date : February 7, 2003

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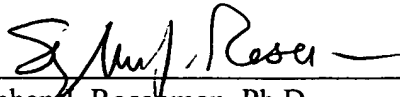
Approximately 15 months have passed since an interview with the Examiner in the above-identified application on November 14, 2001. In this interview, the Examiner stated that "The finality of the Office Action dated June 15, 2001, has been withdrawn. A new Office Action will be sent." No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action in this matter, although several telephonic conversations have indicated that an Office Action would be forthcoming.

Applicant requests that the undersigned attorney of record be advised of the present status of the above-identified application by checking the appropriate box below. A stamped return-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No. 09/173,463 is currently

- ☐ Assigned to Group _____ and awaits:
- ☐ Action by the Examiner.
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